

DO YOU REMEMBER

The dismal sound of the mine whistle, which meant a serious accident or death?

The bocci ball games on the streets of Farmington or at the mining settlements? Sam Guidi was one of the greatest players.

Memorial Day when the Farmington Band, Ladies of the W.R.C. and little girls dressed in white carrying flowers, marched to the cemetery to decorate the graves of soldiers? Members of the American Legion also joined in these activities.

The Sunday following Memorial Day when the band had its own memorial services and decorated the graves of old comrades?

The flu epidemic in 1918 when the Mason Hall was used for the worst patients? Nellie Holliday and two nurses from Iowa stayed there constantly and cared for them. Dr. Will Plummer and Dr. Dimmitt attended them daily. All were called the "Unsung Heroes."

The fire at the old three-story city hall, with the flames running north and burning the old jail with its lonely occupant?

House cleaning the "parlor," taking the "rug up" and "beating it to death" with a carpet beater, then putting straw on the floor and tacking it down again? Are there any more carpet beaters around?

The two skating rinks and the fun the kids had?

The Graf Zeplin that passed over Farmington?

When you took a gas can into the garage to purchase gas? The tank was **inside**.

When the post office burned when located close to the present Bank of Farmington? Owen Kelly was postmaster. The mail was taken over to Hollis Deford's garage for safekeeping.

Eleanor Clark, Ann Baudino and Gladys Benner singing over the sister radio stations, WOC and WHO in Davenport, Iowa? Beautiful harmony!

Little Sam who lived at Barlow and was everyone's friend?

Little Benny Bartram, whose place of business was on the old bank corner? He was the shoe shiner who had many birthdays. Taking his little wagon around town, it was always filled to overflowing.

The first motorized vehicle the Farmington Fire Department had?

James Continuto delivering groceries at Gilchrist, Diamond Point and in Farmington?

The "Old Crummy" taking miners to No. 8, Silver Creek, and National Mines?

The Illinois Central Electric R.R., more commonly known as the "Interurban"? Besides taking townspeople to Canton and Lewistown, it took miners to Maplewood No. 2, Gilchrist and the Genuine Mines. It also took school children to and from school that lived in that direction.

Michela's "White Lily bread" which was delivered in Peoria, etc.?

The dances held in the old Brungard building after the Firemen's Fair was over each night? The floor at the Opera House would not permit dancing.

The Princess Theatre, run by the Brewer family, introducing the first "talkies" and Al Jolson singing "Mammy," Mary Pickford, and Our Gang?

Jim Cowser's first motorized vehicle and later his fleet of cars?

Rubel's Taxi Service with its fare of 50¢?

When Fords sold for \$250.00 for a short time?

The first school busses by Dalton Brothers?

Owen Kelly's band which was in great demand at that time?

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Farmington's three slaughter houses? One was owned by the Clark Bros., one by Mr. Rossi. Who had the third one?

When pheasant hats were very popular?

Dr. Frank Jacobs, during the flu season some years ago? He opened the door and threw his hat in and approached the flu patient saying, "What the Sam Hill's going on here?"

The days of the Fireman's Fair and election of Miss Farmington, its local talent and "Sap" Cramer spinning the wheel of fortune?

The old feather factory?

*When word reached Farmington that World War I was over? A big celebration was planned and a large bon-fire was started at the intersection of Fort and Main Streets. Numerous little buildings with half-moons were collected and thrown on the fire. There was singing and shouting when news again reached them that this was a false report. Later, when the war was **really** over, the townspeople repeated their performance.*

After the war, all men over six feet tall, who were in the war, were kept behind for 6 months to march on the streets of Paris and other places?

Bobsled rides through the country roads, with singing and much laughter? Later, they went to one of the homes to have hot chocolate and cookies.

When the first cement sidewalks were laid, replacing the old board walks where T.N. Phillips rode his homemade bicycle making a terrible noise?

The tiniest park in the city called the Maplewood Park?

The old "haunted" house on West Fort St. where young folk quickened their footsteps at night when they heard weird sounds coming from the house?

The hobble skirts, high top shoes and big, floppy hats on the young ladies around 1910 and later? Men wore striped suits, straw hats and carried a cane which they felt made a big impression with the girls. These were the days when post cards pictured lovely ladies along with it the words, "I love my wife, but, oh, you kid." These were sold at McKinney Five and Ten Cents Store by Ed McKinney, a polio victim who sold cards and sheet music from his wheelchair.

Saighs ice-cream wagon and the tired old horse coming by each afternoon selling ice cream cones for 5¢ in several delicious flavors?

The slot machines and hitting the jackpot?

Santo Polito, when the bananas were getting too ripe, putting them in a pickup truck and going around town selling them for 25¢ a large pan?

Herman (Belcher) Tracy, who was well over 7 feet tall, and helped to put up the first electric poles? Later, in summer months, he traveled with the Gordineers Traveling Show. When there was trouble and someone shouted "Hey Rube," he quickly took care of the situation, and if it was a young boy crawling under the tent, he would quietly search for him and slip him the money to enter legally. The Gordineers made their appearance here every summer, and Edgar and Elmer Holmes were musicians there. Remember Nedra Gordineer and her ballet dancing and the old soft-shoe dances by the men wearing straw hats and carrying a cane and putting on memorable shows?

Sam Guidi, being badly injured in an accident at a deep shaft mine, never to walk again? Later, when he could navigate a wheelchair, he could be found at the school house, greeting little children as he fed the squirrels.

The black edged cards sent out when someone died, not knowing whether a weekly paper would reach people in time?

When the firemen first learned to fight fire with foam, on West Fort limits?

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The old Clark Ice House used by Clark brothers with their meat store and the shipping of poultry and eggs to Boston and New York City where they had a thriving business? One store was in Yates City and several in Iowa and all worked together. They also had a building back of their homes where they dressed chickens.

The old swimming hole at John Simpson's farm?

At a later date, boys swimming in the pond at No. 8 mine?

Someone bringing snake eggs into Leon Smith's store where they were on display in the window? To hatch out??

Ice delivered by horse and wagon for the ice boxes with their pan underneath that had a tendency to overflow? Children following the wagons for pieces of chipped ice? Red signs were placed in the window when the housewife needed ice.

When groceries were delivered and doctors made house calls and the old quarantine signs were placed in the windows?

The old party line telephones where everyone listened in and sometimes visited together? And the old crank wall phone and being able to ring someone on your line with the crank?

When Dick Wake retired as rural mail carrier after 36 years of service?

When Oak Ridge Cemetery was enlarged at the western side?

When direct distance dialing service came to town in 1961?

When T.H. Anderson received the 50 Year Service Award by the Illinois Funeral Directors Assoc.?

When Bud Hefner was guest of honor at a farewell party for 40 years of service to Cilco?

When the Jr. Womens' Club founded the Well-Baby Clinic with Dr. Henderson as practicing physician?

Elmer Barstow's Band?

The roller skating rink on Cherry St.?

Petrini & Pozzi - lollipops, shorties and toasted sandwiches?

Hubbard's Ice Cream Parlor - pineapple sherbet?

The noon whistle?

When Ernest Lenzi won the two-mile cross country race, time: 12.30?

When Bob Riccioni was starting a 15 min. weekly program of accordian solos over Radio Station WBYS in Canton?

When the Bank of Farmington received its charter to operate as a state bank?

Farmington's first gas war in 15 years, prices dropped to 26.9?

When the Chapman school clock tower was removed for safety precautions?

Flem Decker's log cabin?

Vandervoort Drugs: Hawkeye cameras for 89¢?

Westerby Bro. Mine: lump coal for 9¢ a bushel?

Kroger Store: Prime beef roast for 8¢ a pound?

When the Civil War cannon at the Soldiers & Sailors Monument in Oak Ridge Cemetery was donated to the Scrap Iron Drive in 1942?

When Mayor Tony Columbia formally lighted Farmington's new mercury vapor lights?